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1. EA

AMB HUMMEL SWORN IN 7/12 AS ASST SECY FOR EA, SUCCEEDING
AMB HABIB, NOW UNDERSECY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (NYT, AP, WP).

2. JAPAN

INFORMED SOURCES SAID MIYAZAWA TOLD SEN MANSFIELD (MONT)
MONDAY DRASTIC CHANGE US/PRC RELS "NOT DESIRABLE." FM
NOTED NORMALIZATION ON "JAPANESE MODEL" WOULD REQUIRE US
ABROGATE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY WITH TAIWAN, THUS THREATENING
PEACE/SECURITY AROUND ISLAND NATION (REUTER, WP).

MARUBENI EX-CHAIRMAN HIRO HIYAMA ARRESTED TUESDAY FOR
VIOLATION FOREX CONTROL/FOREIGN TRADE LAWS. PROSECUTORS
SAID HIYAMA RECEIVED 1.7 MILLION DOLS WORTH YEN FROM
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LOCKHEED REP CLUTTER 1973/74; SUSPECT WAS USED BRIBE GOVT
OFFICIALS (SUN, TOKYO).

MFA SOURCES SAID COMMART OFFICIAL OLAV GUNDELACH MET

MIYAZAWA MONDAY, EXPRESSED HOPE HOLD EC-US-JAPAN MINISTERIAL TALKS FEBRUARY, TO PROMOTE TRADE. ADDED MTN,EC-JAPAN TRADE IMBALANCE ALSO DISCUSSED (UPI, TOKYO).

US SEIZED JAPANESE FISHING BOAT VIOLATING TERRITORIAL WATERS OFF ATKA ISLAND, ALEUTIANS; SOV DETAINED ANOTHER FOR SIMILAR VIOLATION OFF ETOROFU, KURILES (AFP, WP).

PORTIONS IZU PENINSULA, 90 MILES SW TOKYO, ISOLATED BY 22-IN RAINS, FLOODS, LANDSLIDES. POLICE BELIEVE 9 JAPANESE KILLED, OVER 7,000 HOMES DESTROYED. LANDSLIDE CUT RR SHIMODA. RAINS CONTINUE (MALCOLM, NYT; AP PHOTO PHINQ; UPI PHOTO CHITRIB).

3. JAPAN/AUSTRALIA

SPOKESMAN SAID TOYOTA NEGOTIATING BUY GM-HOLDEN ENGINES/ ENGINE CASTINGS BUILT AUSTRALIA, FOR USE CARS ASSEMBLED THERE. GM (DETROIT) DECLINED COMMENT. GOA RECENTLY RULED 85 PCT OF PARTS USED ASSEMBLE AUTOS MUST BE MADE IN AUSTRALIA BY 1980 (WSJ, TOKYO).

4. AUSTRALIA

ACTU CALLED 24-HR STRIKE MONDAY, IN PROTEST GOA PROPOSAL REVISE "MEDIBANK" NATL HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN INTRODUCED BY FORMER ALP GOVT. HALF NATIONS 6 MILLION WORKERS WALKED OUT, HALTING ALL SHIPPING, PUBLIC TRANSPORT MINE/FACTORY OUTPUT CUT SHARPLY. MOST BANKS, SHOPS STAYED OPEN (WP; PHINQ; NYT; AP, NYDN). MIN/EMPLOYMENT STREET SAID TUESDAY UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR STRIKE CLAIMED BY ACTU IS "MYTH" (REUTER, SYDNEY).

WORST DROUGHT HISTORY FORCING AUSSIE RANCHERS KILL THOUSANDS CATTLE. WHEAT CROP IN JEOPARDY; IF NO RAIN FALLS NEXT FEW WEEKS WHEAT BOARD MAY IMPOSE EXPORT RESTRICTIONS, AS DID 1974 (CSM; AP, WSJ).
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5. PHILIPPINES

GOP REPORTS 2 MORE FIL FISHERMEN KILLED LAST MO BY USN PLANES CONDUCTING BOMBING EXERCISING (AP, WP; UPI, NYDN). USN HAS NO INFO ON DEATHS (AP, WP). NAVY SPOKESMAN SAYS NO INDICATION FISHERMEN WERE HIT BY USN PLANES (UPI, NYDN).

6. INDOCHINA/ASEAN

GOP ESTABLISHES FORMAL DIPL RELS WITH HANOI, EACH AGREEING NOT LET TERRITORY BE USED FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST OTHER (WSTAR 7/12; WSJ; AP NYDN, WP, PHINQ). RADIO HANOI

SAYS WILL WELCOME OFFICIAL RTG DELEGATION NEXT MONTH. INDICATES READY ESTABLISH FRIENDLIER RELS WITH BANGKOK NOW US TROOPS LEAVING. TEAM HANOI OFFICIALS DUE SINGAPORE TUES; COUNTRIES EXPECTED ESTABLISH DIPL RELS LATER THIS YEAR (AP WP, PHINQ).

SUN'S ISAACS NOTES ESTABLISHMENT VN-PHIL DIPL RELS, HANOI INVITATION TO RTG. SAYS NEW POLICY REPRESENTS SHARP TURNABOUT FROM SUSPICIOUS HOSTILITY PREVIOUSLY VOICED BY NVN. STATES MARCOS AGREED SEND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, "MIRACLE RICE" SEEDS AFTER VN'S VISITING VICE FONMIN PHAN HIEN SAID VN WOULD WELCOME AID FROM "FRIENDLY NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES" TO REBUILD ECONOMY. POINTS OUT NO AGREEMENT REACHED ON SPRATLYS, WHILE VN REPS APPARENTLY SATISFIED WITH GOP ASSURANCES ON NON-USE CLARK, SUBIC FOR US "INTERVENTION" IN OTHER COUNTRIES. ISAACS NOTES OVERTURE TO RTG MADE IN LTR FROM VN FONMIN TRINH TO THAI FONMIN PICHAI RATTAKUL. OBSERVES LESSENING TENSION WOULD PERMIT HANOI GO ON WITH ECON MODERNIZATION, HAVE RELS WITH NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AS COUNTERBALANCE TO USSR, PRC.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT) CALLS ESTABLISHMENT MANILA-HANOI DIPL RELS, INVITATION TO RTG, MAJOR MOVES BY VN TO IMPROVE RELS WITH SEA NEIGHBORS AS WELL AS COMPLETE SWITCH IN ATTITUDE TOWARD ASEAN MEMBERS. THINKS HANOI'S SUDDEN SHIFT TO MODERATE POLICY MAY BE RELATED TO OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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FACTOR SUCH AS RECENT STEP-UP VERBAL BATTLE WITH PRC, MOVES BY PHILS/RTG REDUCE US MIL PRESENCE. CONTRASTS MOVE WITH TOUGHER INTERNAL POLICY TOWARD SVN, THAT MAY REFLECT NVN'S DIFFICULT EXPERIENCE IN SVN OVER PAST YR WITH SPORADIC RESISTANCE, UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION, THIEVERY, CORRUPTION, PROSTITUTION, UNWILLINGNESS MANY PEOPLE MOVE TO COUNTRYSIDE.

7. INDOCHINA

AT NEWS CONFERENCE, VN'S PHAN HIEN SAYS US HAS NOT HONORED NIXON PLEDGE CONTRIBUTE 3.25 BILLION DOLS OVER 5 YRS FOR RECONSTRUCTION VN. HINTS TALKS BETWEEN 2 COUNTRIES MAY SOON BE UNDER WAY (REUTER MANILA).

CANADIAN-US COUPLE, MEMBERS MENNONITE CENTRAL CMTE, BACK FROM MOTOR TRIP IN VN SAY VAST DESTRUCTION, POVERTY STILL EVIDENT IN NVN, WHILE PEOPLE IN DANANG/HUE CLING TO LIFE STYLE LEARNED FROM US. ADD SAW FANTASTIC AMOUNT RECONSTRUCTION (AP NYT, WSTAR 7/12).

8. CHINA

PRES FORD TERMS IOC EXEC CMTE'S MOVE BAN ROC FROM OLYMPICS "BAD DECISION" WHICH WOULD SET "BAD PRECEDENT IF UPHELD"; ASKS US OLYMPIC CMTE CHRMN KRUMM "USE HIS INFLUENCE" IN SEEKING WAYS RETURN TAIWAN TO GAMES (AP CSM, SUN, WSTAR, PHINQ). PRES TOLD KRUMM HE "DEPLORED" INJECTION OF POLITICS INTO OLYMPICS; LEFT OPEN POSSIBILITY US TEAM MAY BE WITHDRAWN, ALTHOUGH PRES HAS NO DIRECT AUTHORITY DO SO (DOBBIN, SUN; CARTER, NYDN). CADY (NYT) ADDS SOURCES WITHIN IOC PREDICT BITTER FLOOR FIGHT WHEN EXEC BOARD RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE CANADA'S BAN BEFORE FULL CMTE . IN OTTAWA, EXT AFFAIRS MINISTER MAC-EACHEN CALLED FORD'S ACTION "SURPRISING AND BAD EXAMPLE OF POLITICAL INTERFERENCE" (UPI, NYT; WALSH, WP).

TAIWAN'S TEAM CHIEF C.K. YANG CRITICIZED IOC PRES KIL-LANIN FOR WAY HE HANDLED NEGOTIATIONS, CALLED FOR HIS RESIGNATION (UPI, NYDN). YANG STILL TRYING CONVINCE ROC REPS NOT DROP OUT, "WHATEVER THE NAME" (REUTER, MONTREAL).
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PM TRUDEAU SAYS TAIWAN ATHLETES WELCOME COMPETE, BUT CANNOT ENTER "UNDER FALSE REPRESENTATIONS AND PRETEND THAT THEY REPRESENT A COUNTRY, CHINA, THAT THEY DO NOT REPRESENT" (MCDERMOTT, REUTER).

NCNA REPORTS SEN SCOTT HAD "FRIENDLY AND FRANK" TALKS WITH PRC FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA IN PEKING 7/12. USLO CHIEF GATES ALSO ATTENDED MEETING (AP TOKYO, SUN; REUTER, HONG KONG).

PRC SENT AMB TO INDIA FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1962 BORDER WAR (WSJ).

JAMES VENERIS, FORMER KOREAN WAR POW, PICKED UP NEW PASSPORT IN PEKING; PLANS VISIT MOTHER IN CALIF BEFORE WEEK'S END (UPI, NYDN).

9. THAILAND

DELEGATES FROM 10 EUR, 6 ASIAN COUNTRIES GATHER AT CHIANG MAI TO STUDY WAYS HALT FLOW OPIUM PRODUCTS FROM GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA. FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE JOINTLY SPONSORED BY INTL POLICE ORGANIZATION, COLOMBO PLAN (UPI, CHIANG MAI).

SIMONS (WP) DESCRIBES MAD SCRAMBLE AT US CONSULATE FOR DEPARTING GIS TRY GET THAI WIVES, FIANCEES VISAS FOR US.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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10. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

LAT'S MCARTHUR (7/11) VISITS BETONG, NEAR MALAYSIAN BORDER, CALLS IT VIRTUAL "LIBERATED ZONE" FOR CPM GUERRILLAS. NOTES POPULATION 90 PCT CHINESE, WITH OUTSIDERS MADE FEEL IMMEDIATELY UNWELCOME. SAYS "LIBERATION" OCCURRED ON JUNE 13 WHEN 400 GOM TROOPS/ POLICE PULLED BACK INTO OWN COUNTRY AFTER LOCAL RESIDENTS COMPLAINED TO RTG; CALLS IT POSSIBLY MOST SIGNIFICANT MIL VICTORY WON BY CPM. POINTS OUT BANGKOK UNCLASSIFIED

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USUALLY IGNORES AREA SINCE INHABITED BY CHINESE, MOSLEM MINORITIES.

IN SEPARATE ARTICLE FROM KROH, NEAR THAI BORDER, MCARTHUR TELLS OF GOM EFFORT SHUT OFF INFILTRATION, "FOREIGN AID," FOOD, SUPPLIES TO GUERRILLAS. SEES HOSTILE FORCES ON ALL SIDES. NOTES PRC AID TO GUERRILLAS CONTINUES ON MODEST BUT SIGNIFICANT SCALE. CONCLUDES GOM WAR AGAINST GUERRILLAS WILL BE LONG, TOUGH.

11. MALAYSIA

CSM REPORTS GOM SEEKS HELP ABORIGINAL ORANG ASLI IN WAR AGAINST GUERRILLAS IN PERAK. ABOUT 150,000 TRIBESMEN LIVE SCATTERED IN JUNGLE, USE BLOWGUNS, BUT FOREST BEING ENCROACHED UPON WITH GROWTH NATL ECONOMY. GOVT TRYING PROVIDE SOME SERVICES, HOPES TRAIN UP TO 50,000 IN MIL TACTICS/WEAPONS USE.

12. BURMA

PALLING (WP) REPORTS 9 ETHNIC MINORITIES BAND TOGETHER IN NATL DEMOCRATIC FRONT TO OPPOSE NE WIN REGIME. ALSO CALL ON PRC, US AID STRUGGLE. DESCRIBES MEETING, COMMUNIQUE, HOW KARENS LIVE FROM SMUGGLING FROM THAILAND. ATTRIBUTES PRESSURE FROM COMMUNIST REBELS ALONG BORDER WITH LAOS/THAILAND AS REASON MINORITIES TRYING GET TOGETHER.

13. CHINA

PRESS LAMBASTES IOC EXEC CMTE, CANADA: NYT URGES RECONSIDERATION US PARTICIPATION IN OLYMPICS; WSJ SAYS GOC "BOWED TO UNDISGUISED PRESSURE FROM MAINLAND CHINA... HAS DONE GREAT VIOLENCE" TO OLYMPIC SPIRIT. WP'S DENLINGER BELIEVES IOC ACTED IN "WORST OF ATHLETIC TRADITIONS," CREATING "UGLIEST SORT OF PRECEDENT." REUTER'S MCDERMOTT (IN PHINQ), AND WSTAR PRINT SEVERAL REACTIONS TO IOC RECOMMENDATION: HAROLD WRIGHT, CANADIAN OLYMPIC

ASSOCIATION PRES--"BLACKEST DAY IN CANADA'S HISTORY";

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US OLYMPIC CMTE CHRMN KRUMM--"PITIFUL...BLATANT AND UNWARRANTED ACTION"; NH GOV THOMSON--"EVERY AMERICAN... MUST RESENT THE CANADIAN POLITICAL PLOY"; IOC VP DAUME--"CANADIAN GOVT BROKE ITS GIVEN WORD."

ESKRIDGE (BALT N-A) SAYS HAD GAMES BEEN HELD IN LA, US "WOULD HAVE BOWED TO THE SAME PRESSURE"; POLITICS ALWAYS HAS BEEN PART OF OLYMPICS, AND 1980 WILL BE MOSCOW'S CHANCE "BAR A FEW NATIONS AND DEMORALIZE MORE."

LESLIE (LAT 7/11) OBSERVES THAT IN 15 MONTHS, PRC POLITBURO'S STANDING CMTE SHRANK FROM 9 MEMBERS TO 5, WITH RADICALS/MODERATES UNABLE AGREE ON REPLACEMENTS DUE TO POLICY DIFFERENCES. IMBALANCE IN FAVOR RADICALS NOW EXISTS ON CMTE, BUT OBSERVERS FEEL POLITBURO WILL NOT TAKE UP SENSITIVE TASK OF CORRECTING IT UNTIL AFTER MAO'S DEATH.

LAT (7/10) RUNS LETTER FROM JOHN ESTERLINE, FORMER PAO IN MANILA/HK, NOW JUST RETURNED FROM ACADEMIC YR AT NATL CHENGCHI UNIV, TAIWAN. ESTERLINE TAKES ISSUE WITH 6/30 FINKELSTEIN ARTICLE CLAIMING TAIWAN NOT OVERLY-CONCERNED WITH EXPECTED US WITHDRAWAL. SAYS TAIPEI PRESS EMPHASIZES FACT PEKING WILL ENDEAVOR "FORCE THE ROC TO ITS KNEES" SHOULD US LEAVE. ASKS HOW "MORAL" IT WOULD BE FOR US ABANDON "MOST ECONOMICALLY SUCCESSFUL AND LOYAL ALLY," OR WHAT CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE IN TERMS OF CONFIDENCE AMONG US' EUROPEAN ALLIES.

14. INDONESIA

REUTER'S SOEHARJONO, IN BIME, IRIAN JAYA, DESCRIBES JUNE 28 EARTHQUAKE DEVASTATION, RELIEF EFFORTS CONDUCTED WITH 9 CESSNA LIGHT PLANES OF MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP, TWO PERTAMINA HELOS. CITES ESTIMATE BY RELIEF RESCUE COORDINATOR THAT DEATH TOLL MAY TOTAL 8,000. NOTES MANY SURVIVORS CAUGHT PNEUMONIA AFTER FLEEING HOMES, LIVING IN OPEN PAST TWO WEEKS. ADDS SO FAR AUSTRALIA, UK, US, FRG HAVE RESPONDED SUHARTO APPEAL FOR INTL RELIEF EFFORT (NYT, SUN). ?

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SOEHARJONO REPORTS FLIGHT INTO RAIN-SHROUDED ANGGURUK ON RESCUE PLANE. SAYS WEATHER, BACKWARDNESS OF STRICKEN VILLAGERS COMBINE MAKE RESCUE OPERATION "NIGHTMARE FOR EVERYONE." NOTES PRIMITIVE TRIBESMEN, DESCENDED FROM HEADHUNTERS, REFUSE

EVACUATE, PREFER REMAIN TO WATCH OVER GRAVES OF KINSMEN KILLED IN DISASTER (REUTER, JAYA PURA).

15. INDOCHINA/ASEAN

SOUTHERLAND (CSM) BELIEVES PHILS' RECOGNITION HANOI MARKS IMPORTANT TURNING POINT TOWARD BETTER RELS BETWEEN VN, NON-COMMUNIST GOVTS OF SEA. NOTES HANOI RECENT SHIFT SOFTER LINE TOWARD ASEAN MEMBERS. POINTS OUT SOME DIPLOMATS THINK NEW LINE REPRESENTS MORE OF CHANGE IN TACTICS THAN REAL CHANGE OF HEART. SAYS CLEAR TOP VN PRIORITY FOR MOMENT IS TO REBUILD. ADDS ASEAN NATIONS APPARENTLY HOPE ENCOURAGE NONINTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, INDEPENDENCE ON PART VN FROM USSR/CHINA. OPINES MARCOS CONSIDERS RECOGNITION HANOI TO BE PART HIS GRANDER SCHEME GIVE PHILS NEW, NONALIGNED IMAGE.

16. INDOCHINA

CHILDS (WP) NOTES RECENT WEATHER DISTURBANCES RELATES TO QUESTION MAN-MADE WEATHER MODIFICATION. RECALLS DOD WORK IN VN TO USE WEATHER AS WEAPON, DESTROY ATMOSPHERE IN PARTS NVN. HOPES US-USSR TREATY ON WEATHER MODIFICATION MAY BE PUT BEFORE UNGA BY 1977.

17. KOREA

WP'S SAAR, IN SEOUL, FINDS ROKG "NOT WORRIED" ABOUT JIMMY CARTER'S KOREA POLICY, IF ELECTED PRES. QUOTES FORMER HARVARD PROF KIM KYONG WON, NOW PRES PARKS' SPECIAL ASST FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THAT CARTER VIEWS SEEM "VERY PRUDENT, WELL-BALANCED AND WISE." DESPITE EARLIER SK NERVOUSNESS ABOUT HIS PLEDGES WITHDRAW US TROOPS/NUCLEAR WEAPONS, KIM BELIEVES NUCLEAR WEAPONS SITING IS "HIGHLY TECHNICAL MATTER" RELATED TO US STRATEGIC POSTURE, ON WHICH CARTER WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH DOD.
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CITES KIM BELIEF US WOULD PROBABLY BE INVOLVED ANY FUTURE CONFLICT, IN ANY CASE, EVEN IF WITHDRAWS FROM SK, BECAUSE PRC OR SOV WOULD PROBABLY BECOME INVOLVED IN HELPING NK. BUT RHETORICAL QUESTION BY KIM--"WHO CAN CONTROL DYNAMICS OF WAR" IN HEAT OF BATTLE?--LIKELY PROVIDE AMMO FOR CRITICS WHO FEAR PRESENCE US INTO WAR IN SUPPORT OF DICTATORIAL GOVT.

ALSO NOTES SHARP REACTION TO JERRY COHEN CRITICISM OF PARK POLICIES IN SEOUL LAST MONTH SEEMINGLY DISPELLED BY CARTER TF COORDINATOR KRAMER WHO PARTIALLY DISASSOCIATED CANDIDATE FROM COHEN POSITION.

18. NEW ZEALAND

MCLAUCHLAN (JOC) REPORTS DEBATE ON TOURIST NEEDS, CONCLUSION BY AVIATION INDUSTRY THAT MORE FACILITIES/ INVESTMENT NEEDED IF COUNTRY TO REALIZE GROWTH POTENTIAL. NOTES THOSE IN ACCOMODATION BUSINESS DENY ROOM SHORTAGE, CLAIM ADDING CAPACITY WILL DEPRESS HOTEL/MOTEL BUSINESS AT OTHER THAN PEAK SEASONS.

19. GENERAL

WSJ'S KEATLEY DISCUSSES CARTER'S FONPOL, NOTES IN MANY WAYS WHAT HE PROMISES "OFTEN INDISTINGUISHABLE" FROM WHAT HAK ALREADY ATTEMPTING. ONE THING CARTER PLANS CHANGE, HOWEVER, IS POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS: CANDIDATE SAYS SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO SK "THAT ITS INTERNAL OPPRESSION IS REPUGNANT TO OUR PEOPLE AND UNDERMINES THE SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMITMENT THERE." AIDES CLAIM CARTER WOULD REDUCE AID, "OTHERWISE SHOW US DISPLEASURE" WHENEVER HUMANITARIAN GAINS MIGHT RESULT. KEATLEY SAYS WORTH NOTING THAT HAK SAID CARTER'S FONPOL ONE HE WOULD HAVE LITTLE TROUBLE LIVING WITH.

PAUL POWER LETTER IN NYT STATES 2 WEAKNESSES EVIDENT IN CARTER'S "OTHERWISE BALANCED" ADDRESS TO FON POL ASSOCIATION: UNDUE EMPHASIS GIVEN N AMER/W EUR/JAPAN PARTNERSHIP; AND CARTER INCONSISTENT IN APPROACH TO ARMS TRANSFERS. BELIEVES PRESENT ADMIN'S HIGH PRIORITY TO NORTH-UNCLASSIFIED

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SOUTH RELATIONS, "AFTER ITS EARILIER PREOCCUPATIONS WITH RUSSIA AND CHINA," SHOULD CARRY OVER INTO NEXT ADMIN, WHATEVER THE PARTY.

ADD KOREA NEWS

REP PASSMAN (LA), REACHED BY PHONE AT MONROE HOME MONDAY, DENIED NYT REPORT HE USED CONGRESSIONAL POWERS COERCE AID RECIPIENTS HIRE ST JOHN MARITIME AS SHIPPING AGENT. SAID "I CAN ASSURE YOU IT IS COMPLETELY ERRONEOUS" (WSTAR 7/12). KISSINGER

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